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REMARKS

The Examiner indicates that the reply filed on September 12, 2007 is not fully responsive because it fails to include a complete or accurate record of the substance of the August 29, 2007 interview.

Applicants again thank Examiner Johannsen for her time discussing the instant application in the telephonic interview conducted on August 29, 2007.

Applicants submit this additional response.

In the August 29, 2007 interview, Applicants discussed with the Examiner possible amendments to the claims, and particularly to claim 1. The language 'all species of the genus *Pseudomonas*' was discussed, with the Examiner noting that the definition provided for this language in the specification raised questions about what would and would not be encompassed by the claims. The definition of the term "complementary" at page 14 of the specification was also discussed, as was possible allowable subject-matter related to the specific probe sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the reply is fully responsive, see MPEP 713.04.

CONCLUSIONS

For the reasons provided, Applicant submits that all claims are allowable as written and respectfully requests early favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney/agent would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney of record.

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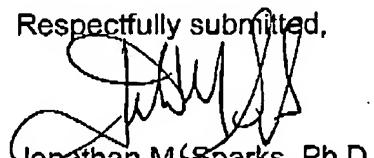
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any credits or deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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Respectfully submitted,



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